Remarks

The Office Action mailed March 27, 2003 states that the above-referenced application is in condition for allowance, except that the sequences in figures 9-12 must be identified by SEQ ID NO: in the Brief Description of the Drawings. Applicants have amended the specification to comply with this request. Support for these amendments can be found throughout the specification as originally filed, specifically on page 46, lines 2-23, and the sequence listing. No new matter is introduced by this amendment.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe the application is in condition for allowance and solicit a Notice of Allowance indicating such at the earliest possible time.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned should any additional information be necessary.

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